

Spark Gap

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On Our MARC...

Warmer weather is finally here and it feels like Spring. Hope everyone is spending their free time planting flowers or just enjoying this weather.

May starts a summer of activities. We have the Dayton Hamfest in May, the Strawberry Fest and Field day in June. September brings the Heartnut Fest and the Radio Club yearly picnic. I hope everyone will get a chance to stop by to as many activities as possible.

I understand that 7 Boy Scouts and a few dads passed the Tech test. A big thanks goes out to Andrew Murrey, N9AWM and Jack Parker, W8ISH for all the hard work on helping the boys get their communication badge. Andrew also informed me that four Scouts are already studying for the upgrade to General Class.

PIO's have been working hard coming up with ways to get our name out to the general public. If you have any suggestions, please send them an email at pio@midstatehams.org.

We will not have a speaker for May. Our speaker for June will be Steve Curtis, ND9C, talking about Fox Hunting.

Hope to see you on Saturday.

Jacki, KI6QOG
President

Greenwood Scouts Prepared for Ham Communications

Most people know the Boy Scout motto of Be Prepared. Thanks to efforts of three MARC instructors the scouts of Greenwood Troop 265 will be more prepared than most scouts when it comes to communications. For six weeks in March and April Andrew Murray N9AWM, Jack Parker W8ISH and Kenneth Barr KD9ALA have been teaching ham radio skills to members of Troop 265 in an effort to earn their Technician Class license.

The true test came April 30th as exam night produced 11 new hams. This number included several of the scout leaders. Two weeks later at the Crossroads of America Council Boy Scout headquarters the Laurel VE Exam team hosted a second exam session. Three more young scouts passed their Tech License exam and one of the dads upgraded his license to General Class. Their proud dads immediately marched into the scout supply shop and bought their sons a sleeve patch that says "Amateur Radio Operator". Troop 265 scout leaders say their goal is to integrate Amateur Radio into future scouting adventures.

W8ISH



Scouts getting instruction on radios.



Jack showing the finer points of an HF rig.



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Are you a ham and a cruciverbalist?

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Birthdays for the month of May:

K9NTZ-Kevin Nuetzman

KC9GCH-Linda Harshberger

N9AWM-Andrew Murrey

KU9V- Anthony Stokes

Famous Hams

Across

1. VU metro (not meter)
 6. Call to Bo-peep
 9. T.O.M.
 14. TN made rig
 15. Rear panel label
 16. 7X neighbor
 17. Used before flip tops
 19. More unwet
 20. Infrequent frame rate mode
 21. Major Armstrong, familiarly
 23. Wiring harness parts
 24. IT9 peak
 26. Prefix with -tuner
 28. Kind of drum
 31. Contact plating solution?
 36. Boatanchor unit
 37. Part of ARRL: Abbr.
 39. Enter

40. Suffix with reson-
 42. In reserve
 44. Produces radiator supports
 45. Giving up
 47. GM monster place
 49. Viking partner
 50. Callsign of 31 across
 52. Overcome utterly
 54. First QTH?
 55. Hand (out)
 57. Small fight
 60. Field unit?
 62. Competent
 66. Loafed around
 68. Nonphysical, say
 70. Met show
 71. Feed lines to
 72. Partner of 9-across
 73. Rocking ham

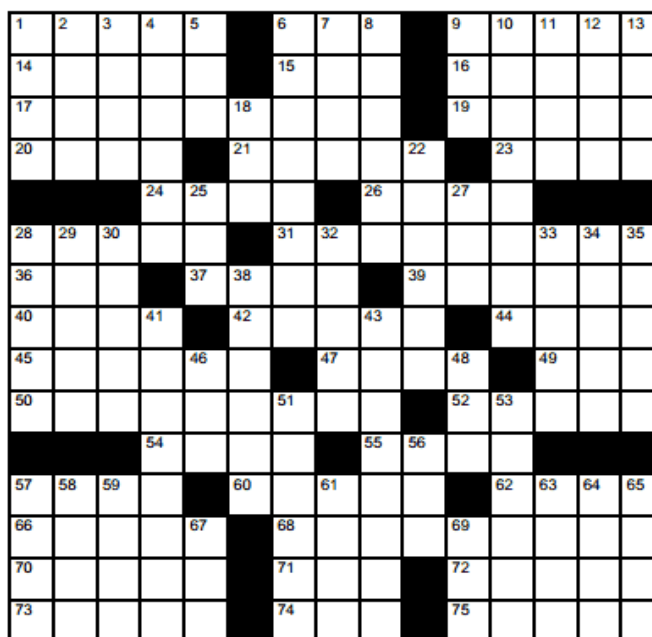
74. Hockey's Bobby
 75. DXpeditioner's instruction

Down

1. Manuals, slangily
 2. Times past
 3. Fuzz
 4. ARRL president, and president's grandson
 5. Rev. of out.
 6. Wound covers
 7. All over again
 8. Of a heart chamber
 9. Cap. unit
 10. Missile type
 11. Ancient WARC band?
 12. Prof. org. with many ham members

13. Elser-Mathes Cup objective
 18. Poetic dusk
 22. Pushes, gently
 25. Leaves in a bag
 27. The one above six?
 28. Two or more yagis, say
 29. Do and so
 30. Tube terminal
 32. Gasket
 33. Possible Congo prefix
 34. ___ alcohol
 35. Malyj Vysotskij prefix
 38. Suffix with electro-
 41. Force-12 element fasteners, say
 43. More lethal
 46. Homer's neighbor
 48. Pre-ham?

51. Int'l org. promoting learning
 53. What the shack might do with the amplifier on
 56. Crew tool
 57. QRS
 58. Between Oscar and Quebec
 59. Kind of antenna aimmer
 61. A receiver annoyance, briefly
 63. Arrest
 64. 47-across is one
 65. Exuberance
 67. CW word
 69. Zone type



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Coffee Break Training

In this month's installment of Coffee Break Training, we continue to familiarize ourselves with the Disaster Assistance application process for those affected by a disaster. In this series concluding with the December edition we review the types of assistance that may be made available. This month we review how making an application for Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, even for home owners and non-business owners, helps close the gap between insured losses versus un-insured losses. Here is the news release issued by FEMA Region V relating to the tornado response in Northern Illinois from 2013.

OBJECTIVE: Understand importance of completing an application for a Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan to enhance disaster assistance aid.

Completed SBA Application Speeds Up Disaster Assistance

Main Content

Release date:

June 18, 2013

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AURORA, Ill. – Illinoisans who received a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan application for disaster assistance are urged to complete and return it as soon as possible. Doing so will keep the door open for other types of assistance.

SBA disaster loan applications are sent to disaster survivors who may qualify for disaster aid as a result of the April 16 to May 5 severe weather.

"The disaster loan application provides the necessary information for determining the appropriate assistance for each applicant," said W. Michael Moore, the federal official in charge of disaster recovery.

Disaster survivors with insurance should not wait for their insurance settlement before applying to SBA. If a survivor is unsure of the amount covered by insurance or other sources, the SBA will consider making a loan for the full amount of the loss, up to its loan limits.

Approval of the SBA disaster loan is contingent on the borrower's agreement that the SBA loan will be reduced by the amount of the insurance settlement.

"We want to make sure that every disaster survivor remains eligible for help from all of the programs that are available," added Moore. "The fastest way to accomplish that is to submit the SBA application. If SBA cannot offer a homeowner or renter a disaster loan, the agency will refer the case onward to other sources of assistance."

Applicants are urged to read all disaster assistance documents carefully while maintaining realistic expectations of what they may receive as disaster aid.

Applicants also are encouraged to stay in touch with FEMA, to ensure FEMA has the correct current address, phone number and email address.

It is not necessary to visit a DRC to register with FEMA. Individuals can register online at www.disasterassistance.gov or via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov. Applicants may also call 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. People who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services (VRS) can call 800-621-3362. For more information visit the Illinois Disaster website www.fema.gov/disaster/4116.

SBA low-interest disaster loans may be available for homeowners, renters, businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes to repair or replace real estate, contents and/or personal property damaged in the severe storms and flooding. Information and assistance from SBA is available at 1-800-659-2955, (TTY) 1-800-877-8339 or online at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

..... 73, Rusty N9LLP

ARRL Contest Schedule

June

14-16 June VHF

21 Kids Day (not 15 June!)

28-29 Field Day

July

12-13 IARU HF World Championship

August

2-3 August UHF

16-17 10 GHz & Up – Round 1

17 Rookie Roundup – RTTY September

13-15 September VHF

20-21 10 GHz & Up– Round 2

October

11-12 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up

20-24 School Club Roundup

November

1-3 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW

8-9 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

15-17 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone

December

5-7 160 Meter

6-7 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

13-14 10 Meter

21 Rookie Roundup–CW

HAMFESTS

05/16, 17 & 18/2014 | Dayton Hamvention

Location: HARA Arena

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Website: <http://hamvention.org>

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

07/12/2014 | Indianapolis Hamfest

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Indianapolis Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://indyhamfest.com>

08/09/2014 | Angola Hamfest

Location: Angola, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.llarc.org>

09/20/2014 | Hancock ARC Hamfest

Location: Greenfield, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hancock Amateur Radio Club of Hancock County

Website: <http://www.w9atg.org>

10/04/2014 | Hoosier Hills Hamfest

Location: Mitchell, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>

11/15/2014 | Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo)

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>



MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or a member of the club.

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL Tone

Club Officers:
President: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG
Vice President: Dave Daily – KB9LOT
Secretary: Rhonda Curtis– WS9H
Treasurer: Linda Harshbarger – KC9GCH
Repeater Trustee: Steve Brown – N9LC

Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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ANSWER to above question: “A crossword puzzle enthusiast.”